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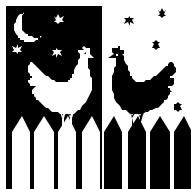
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was generally steady in the Midwest and West, barely steady to weak and unsettled in the East. Demand was reported as light to fair. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies ranged adequate to ample with 3.5 pound and heavier sizes in the Northeast readily available and competitively priced to stimulate interest. In the parts structure, wings and leg quarters were in close balance to well cleared. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.25 cents last year on the 15th of March, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	24.00
WINGS	96.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 03/10/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	183,814	184,823	-01
CHICKS PLACED	146,195	142,475	+03

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 10, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 10, 2001 were 1.43 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.13 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings of small sizes moved into closer balance with heavy weights fully adequate. Excess product discounted with little interest noted. Retail demand was fairly good by stores where featured otherwise only fair, fast food moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate. Wings and leg quarters showed some strength with the balance of parts generally steady.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was slow to fair and generally unaggressive. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and leg quarters were in close balance to tight and clearing well. Breast items were at least adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Other items were mixed but steady. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional product offerings were fully adequate for the cautious and selective buyer interest. Movement into all channels was as expected for the season, light to moderate, occasionally fairly good into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to instances fully adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were mixed; breast items were adequate or available, wings barely adequate with fair market values debated by buyers and sellers and leg quarters were clearing best into export channels and light to moderate into domestic accounts. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and leg quarters, steady on the balance of items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample, however, the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were in the longer position. Sharp discounting remained prevalent to help stimulate additional buying interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels continued sluggish. The market tone ranged barely steady to mostly weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient and bone-in breasts were readily available. Wings were in good balance and leg quarters were well cleared. The balance of parts were at least adequate.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample on the 2.5 pound sizes; readily available and slow in clearing on the 3.0 and larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and wings were adequate. Leg quarters were held with confidence. Other leg items along with bone-in breasts were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.74
NO. OF BOXES	12,287

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 14, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	746	120.00-210.00	145-160	167.43	BREAST - B/S	871	120.00-210.00	140-160	161.99
TENDERLOINS	60	140.00-220.00	140-145	168.33	TENDERLOINS	82	140.00-220.00	140-143	160.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	184	65.00-75.50	-	69.62	BREAST - LINE RUN	184	65.00-75.50	-	69.62
FRONT HALVES	70	75.00-80.00	-	77.50	FRONT HALVES	105	74.50-80.00	-	76.50
LEGS	148	29.50-40.00	29.5-33	31.22	LEGS	108	30.00-40.00	30-33	31.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	316	19.00-21.00	19	19.23	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	454	16.00-21.00	19	18.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,577	20.00-24.00	22-23.5	22.52	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,017	18.00-24.00	21-23.5	22.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	262	92.00-96.00	96	95.30
WINGS (CUT)	418	105.00-117.00	105-110	108.81	WINGS (CUT)	442	105.00-118.00	106-110	108.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	67	92.00-95.00	-	93.61	B/S THIGHS	67	92.00-95.00	-	93.61

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 50.50	48.37	45.25-50.50	47.63	48.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was very light as traders remained cautious and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient, and bone-in breasts were readily available. Subsequently, discounting was prevalent where floorstocks outweighed normal commitments. Wings remained well balanced, however, limited availability of product was often noted as the overriding factor rather than increasing demand. Active export interest kept leg quarters clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels remained sluggish, with best draw noted through spot feature activity. The market tone was no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to instances weak on bone-in breasts, fully steady on wings and leg quarters, about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

MARCH 13, 2001				MARCH 14, 2001			
QUANTITIES	CURRENT NEG	WTD			CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	135.62	636,400	BREAST - B/S	135	134.48	584,640
TENDERLOINS	130-135	137.36	146,615	TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.24	79,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.99	217,400	BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	76.36	266,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.77	230,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	67	68.64	171,600
LEGS	33-34	36.44	300,040	LEGS	33-34	36.85	208,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.93	535,843	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	23.32	392,436
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.76	163,670	DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.67	130,560
THIGHS	29-30	33.77	155,580	THIGHS	29-30	36.33	123,000
B/S THIGHS	89-90	91.68	49,890	B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.97	50,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	98.62	369,403	WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.32	363,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	76,600	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	80,150
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.29	67,795	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.55	68,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	59.92	86,940	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	59.99	88,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/09	03/12	03/09	03/07	03/05
ALA	3,812	3,838	3,793	3,755	5.15	4.91	3,759	5.11
ARK	4,971	5,290	5,154	4,827	4.95	4.69	5,087	4.95
DELMARVA	2,298	2,242	2,005	2,408	4.95	4.93	2,328	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,853	1,980	2,000	1,804	4.58	4.34	1,869	4.56
MISS	2,652	2,659	2,718	2,793	5.10	4.82	2,646	5.06
NC	2,516	2,516	2,384	2,891	5.76	5.59	2,583	5.79
TEXAS	2,294	2,293	2,315	2,297	4.98	4.81	2,166	5.04
TOTAL	20,396	20,818	20,369	20,775	5.07	4.88	20,438	5.07
MON-WED 61,769 (A)	60,914 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Mar 01 and is estimated to be 30,515,000 down 2.11 percent from a week ago and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,058,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 17-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/17/01 (1)	03/10/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	154,761 (2)	154,165
LT HENS	1,811	2,007
HVY HENS	1,406	1,350
CHECK TOTAL	157,978	157,522

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Mar-01 is 152.7 million head compared to 150.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 2.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Mar-01 the estimated available is 152.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12-Mar-01	117,993		63,280	
AM 1-Mar-01	103,319		62,929	
CHG	14,674		351	
PCT CHG	14		1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/12/01	03/05/01	03/13/00	03/12/01	03/05/01	03/13/00
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	7,099	4,868	13,203	5,981	6,317	11,869
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	186	151	157	2,562	2,515	3,451

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 03/13/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.10	1.15	1.11	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.75	4.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.15	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.20	1.45	1.33	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	4.75	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.35	1.13	DUCKS ea.	3.75	20.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.35	1.60	1.49	RABBITS ea.	2.00	5.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	12.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	25.00	-
SILKIES ea.	2.00	5.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 78

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2001

		RANGE
<b>HENS</b>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 9, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	51.69	122.17	65.79	18.80	3.29	44.64
High	54.04	140.97	75.18	23.50	4.23	44.64
Mostly	51.69	131.57	75.18	18.80	3.76	44.64
SAN JUAN						
Low	54.04	122.17	75.18	23.50	4.70	46.05
High	59.21	150.37	93.98	39.94	9.40	46.99
Mostly	58.74	140.97	84.58	28.19	5.64	46.52
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.69	117.48	70.49	14.10	3.29	42.29
High	53.57	140.97	75.18	23.50	4.23	42.29
Mostly	52.63	131.57	70.49	18.80	3.76	42.29
BECERRA						
Low	52.63	131.57	79.88	23.50	5.64	42.29
High	60.15	150.37	98.68	37.59	9.40	42.29
Mostly	58.74	136.27	84.58	32.89	7.05	42.29

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